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### Georgia DOT invests \$2 million in Jackson and Clarke Counties

*Atlanta, Ga.* – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces projects awarded in Jackson and Clarke Counties.

The Jackson County work is a Safe Routes to School project in the City of Jefferson. The one mile long project will build sidewalks on Old Pendergrass Road from Fountainhead Drive to Hoschton Street connecting the driveway of the Jefferson Public Library to the driveway for Jefferson Academy and Jefferson Middle School. The \$967,707 contract was awarded to Matriarch Construction Inc. of Tyrone, Georgia with a contract completion date of August 31, 2016.

The Athens Clarke project resurfaces SR 10/US 78/Lexington Highway from Gaines School Road to the Oglethorpe County Line. This 5.5 mile long project was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company of Marietta for \$1.7 million. The contract completion date is August 31, 2016.

Construction start dates have not been determined yet.

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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